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The other two are non-gazetted officers designated as 'Assistant Veterinary Inspectors'; one stationed at Manantoddy in Wynaad and other at Topslip on the Anamalais.'"

Lease of forest lands for paddy cultivation in this State.

* 125 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any forest lands have been leased out for paddy cultivation in this State in 1954–55; and

(b) if so, the number of acres and the minimum period of lease?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Collection of security deposits from the retail foodgrains dealers.

* 126 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total security deposits collected from the retail foodgrains dealers including bakeries during the rationing period in South Arcot district; and

(b) whether those security deposits have since been returned after the derationing?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) A total sum of Rs. 54,190 was collected.

" (b) A sum of Rs. 32,320 has been refunded so far after the derationing and the balance amount is being refunded to the dealers."

Collection of visual education fees from pupils by the Middle and High Schools.

*127 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Middle and High schools (boys and girls) that collect visual education fees from pupils;

(b) the number of such schools where such fees are accumulated without giving the benefit of visual education to students; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure visual education for students paying fees?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Six hundred and eleven during the year 1953–54, Sir.

" (b) One hundred and twenty-seven, Sir.

" (c) Reports have been called for such irregular collections and suitable action is being taken. General instructions have

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been issued that schools which are in need of the minimum items of audio-visual equipments, i.e., 16 m.m. projector, 35 m.m., film-strip projector and radio, may collect the audio-visual education fees only if they could provide the necessary items of equipment from the collection and impart instruction with these aids in the long term of that year itself."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Have the Government issued instructions to the schools which have collected fees but have not provided visual education to refund the fees to the respective pupils? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is only in respect of that that we have called for particulars to consider what action should be taken."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government have any proposal to revive the old system of allowing private operators to exhibit films of visual education to students? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Increase of working days of elementary schools in Salem district.

*128 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the working days of elementary schools in Salem district have been increased beyond 220; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Representation from any municipality regarding revision of scale of pay of certain Headmasters.

*129 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation recently from any municipality to adopt the scale of Rs. 250—15—400 for the Headmasters of High Schools with over 24 sections in their control;

(b) whether the Government refused permission to adopt such scale of pay; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise. In this connexion the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 13 on 14th December 1953 and the supplementaries thereon."